'Mobility Levels and Transport Problems of Various Population Groups" has recommended that alternative systems of transport should be considered for cities of various sizes. The relevant extract from the Report is enclosed as annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 145]. These recommendations will be considered while formulating transportation strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan. The adoption of mass rapid transit system in our cities during the Eighth Plan will depend on the availability of resources in the context of national and state level priorities.

Import of Seeds affecting indigenous research

2725. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent liberalization in the seed import policy has adversely affected the indigenous research,

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was stiff resistance by the Indian agricultural scientists against the new policy; and

(c) what are the reasons for liberalization of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The basic objective of the New Seed Policy is to facilitate the growth of Indian Seed Industry and secure access to the farmers to the best seed and planting material available anywhere in the world.

Changing the name of Haryana Agriculture University, Hissar

2726. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Haryana Government has requested Central Government to rename the Haryana Agriculture University, Hissar, as Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The renaming of the University needs the amendment of the existing Act. viz. "Haryana and Punjab Agricultural University Act" 1970. Government of India have requested the State Government of Haryana to submit a proposal for the amendment of the Act.

Project proposals pending for clearance

2727. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many project proposals from the residents of Andhra Pradesh State are pending for clearance during the last two years;

(b) how many of the project proposals intended to be set up in Andhra Pradesh, are pending clearance; and

(c) what is the time frame for clearing these project proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Details of project proposals intended to be set up in Andhra Pradesh and which are pending clearance with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.